

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-53 are allowed. Claims 54-63 stand canceled.

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the January 6, 2009 telephone interview regarding the Office Action. During the phone call, applicants' agent asked the Examiner what non-elected subject matter still needed to be deleted. The Examiner indicated that compounds wherein R^4 was an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring needed to be deleted. Applicants' agent pointed out to the Examiner that in a previous Office Action response filed on June 4, 2007, " $-(U)_jAr^3$ " in the definition of R^4 in claim 1 had been amended to $-(U)-Ar^3$. This definition of R^4 , which is the same in the pending claims, does not encompass non-elected subject matter. The Examiner agreed with the applicants' agent and indicated that the pending claims were in condition for allowance.

The Office Action

The Examiner had indicated in the previous Office Action that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of non-elected subject matter. In view of the Interview Summary, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the above remarks, and allow the pending claims to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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